

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: November 26, 2013
Approved Date: January 28, 2014
SMUD Meeting Rooms

Call to Order: Meeting called to order: 7:10 p.m.

Role Call: Board Members Present: Linda Pittman, Don Schmoltdt, Cathie LaZier, Keith Wagner, Tim Fitzer, Karen Zumwalt, Darrel Mohr, Sally Walters, Gary Fregien. **Board Members Absent:** Subhash Chand, Jonilynn Okano. **Non-Board Members Present:** Marcia Ferkovich.

Approval of Minutes: Draft October 2013 Board Meeting Minutes approved by consensus as circulated.

Treasurer's report (Cathie):

- Cathie circulated monthly report prior to meeting. Nothing out of ordinary to report.
- Cathie introduced Marcia Ferkovich to the Board. Marcia has financial background, and may be interested in being SAS Treasurer next year.

Corresponding Secretary's report (Karen):

- Thank you note received from Altical Audubon for SAS donation to Swan Festival.
- Notice received (circulated during meeting) of PG&E proposed renewal of hydro project.

Membership (Cathie for Lea):

- Chapter currently has 2,851 members assigned by National.
- Chapter currently has 540 dues paying chapter members, 190 are cross over with National.
- Cathie has forwarded e-mail from Lea with list of non-renewing chapter members to the Board, in case any Board members personally know the non-renewing members and might contact them to ask them to renew.

Programs Report (Sally):

- Sally notes that two speakers have recently canceled for upcoming presentation, but she has already rearranged and filled slots.
- Saw Whet Owls will be the presentation in January.
- Dave Wyatt will speak in February on white nosed bat disease syndrome.
- Susan Myers (field guide to birds of Borneo) has agreed to give a future presentation.

Outreach and Education (Cathie):

- SAS participated in the Lodi Crane Festival, the Swan Festival, and the CV Bird Symposium.
- Galt Winter Bird Festival is coming up, Cathie will send out e-mail requesting volunteers to help.
- No e-mails or other requests have come in recently for SAS educational presentations.
- All future family walks at Effie Yeaw will start at 10:30 a.m. Information on upcoming dates will be in Observer.
- Kids Christmas Bird Count will be on January 11, 2014, at Effie Yeaw.

Resale Merchandise (Cathie):

- SAS 2014 calendars not selling as well as had been hoped.
- Don has delivered more calendars to Wild Bird at Loehmann's Plaza.
- Cathie has delivered calendars to Auburn (Wild Birds Station) and the Wild Birds Store at Sunrise.

Conservation (Keith):

- SAS has signed on to Audubon CA/National Audubon letter to USFWS supporting federal listing Yellow Billed Cuckoo as threatened.
- Elk Grove has again been shot down on its Sphere of Influence expansion proposal, which would negatively impact the Cosumnes River Preserve.

President's Report (Linda):

- Linda reported that she asked Sally Walters to serve as a Director on the Board to replace Margaret Martin, who had resigned. The Board approved the appointment.

OLD BUSINESS**Bobelaine (Keith):**

- Dan Taylor, retiring from Audubon CA, sent a note to Keith asking if SAS has come up with any plans or ideas for Bobelaine's future. Keith reports he hopes to reconvene the Bobelaine Exploratory Committee in January 2014 to move the Chapter forward regarding Bobelaine's future.
- Keith reports that SAS has now added the tractor to its insurance policy. The cost is not expected to exceed \$70/year, but the chapter is waiting for a final bill from the insurance company to confirm the annual additional cost.
- Linda suggests that the Sacramento Valley Conservancy might be approached re taking a role in future Bobelaine planning and management.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Effie Yeaw Cabinet Keys:** Darrel asks about confusion over who does or does not have keys to cabinets at Effie Yeaw where SAS sound equipment is stored. After some discussion, Sally and others clarify who has keys/access to equipment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.